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### FISCAL STAFF RECEIVE AWARD AT USER CONFERENCE

**Special Achievement Award.** Two Fiscal Division staff members of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), Jodi Flory and John Parker, recently received the Special Achievement in GIS Award (SAG) at the **Esri 2015 User Conference**. Esri develops geographic information systems (GIS) that function as an integral component in nearly every type of organization. The company has 350,000 clients, 10 U.S. offices, 1,800 partners, and 80 worldwide distributors. In addition to software, the company offers consulting and implementation services. The LSA uses Esri software to create maps and provide information to legislators and the public.

**Only Iowa Organization Recognized.** The LSA was the only Iowa organization to receive the award – projects are submitted by various industries, including state and local governments, universities, utilities, transportation, etc.

**Project Submitted.** The “business problem solved” by the LSA project was: *The ability to display information in a different way to help people gain a better understanding of a particular program and how their community compares to other communities, counties, and states.* The technology implemented included: ArcGIS for Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS for Server.

**Presentation.** The LSA presented at the conference during a session titled “*Story Map Success Stories.*” The LSA previewed an Esri Story Map to help legislators and the public understand school funding in Iowa.

**LSA Mapping Resources.** Click: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/mappingResources>

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